

Remarks

Upon entry of the herein amendment, claims 1, 30, 61-63 and 66-105 will be pending in the application. Claims 2-29 and 35-48 are canceled without prejudice to the filing of one or more continuing applications. Pending claims 1 and 61 have been amended. Withdrawn claims 53 and 56 have been amended, in furtherance of rejoinder. Claims 66-105 have been added.

Claim 1 has been amended consonant with the allowable subject matter that has been examined. Hence, claims 1, 30 and 61-63 are allowable.

Claims 31-34, 49-60, 64 and 65 currently stand withdrawn from consideration. These claims depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 1, and are directed to conjugates (49-50) or methods of use (51-60, 64 and 65) employing the peptides of claim 1. Pursuant to MPEP 809.04, claims 31-34, 49-60, 64 and 65 should be rejoined with allowable claims 1, 30 and 61-63. Newly presented claims 66-105 are directed to methods and conjugates utilizing the peptides of allowable claim 1, and are also properly joined with the allowable claims.

The claims remaining in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance. An early action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

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